

# Unit 2- Developing Writing Skills

## 4.1 Writing Opinion/Persuasive Pieces



# Expressing Opinions

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## An Opinion

A thought or belief about something or someone

# Writing an Opinion Paragraph/Essay

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- Take a stand on a given topic
- Have an opinion
- Choose to either **AGREE** or **DISAGREE** with the statement or topic

# Organization

- **Topic Sentence-** Showing whether you agree or disagree with the topic
- **Reasons and Supporting Detail-** examples or evidence to show your agreement or disagreement
- **A Concluding Statement-** Summarizing the main reasons or restating the topic sentence in different words

# Sentence Structures and Transition Signals

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- For the introduction/topic sentence
  - I agree/disagree with.....
  - I agree/disagree that.....
  - I am for/against the idea that....
  - There are....reasons why.....

# Sentence Structures and Transition Signals

- For the reasons (Transition Signals, Sentence Connectors)
- The first (second, third) reason is....
- Another reason is
- First (Firstly), Second (Secondly)
- Furthermore, In Addition

# Sentence Structures and Transition Signals

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- For the conclusion
- In Conclusion
- In Summary
- To sum up
- To conclude

# Sentence Structures and Transition Signals

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- Sample:
- The Topic: **The Lottery Should be Banned**



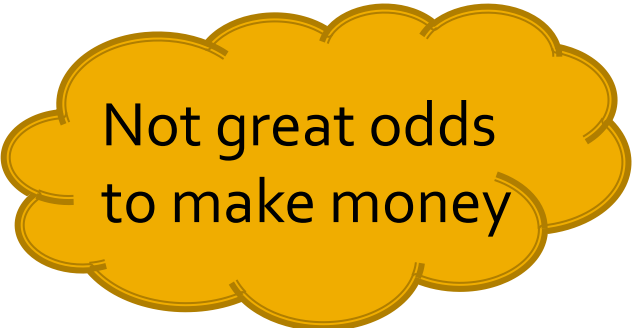
# Sample

- I completely agree that all lotteries should be banned.

- **Reasons**



Waste of  
Money



Not great odds  
to make money




Lottery  
Addiction

# Lotteries Should Be Banned

- **Reasons**
- Lotteries are a waste of money
- Playing the lottery is very addictive
- Lotteries are not really a great chance to make money

# Lotteries Should Be Banned

## ■ Reason #1:



Lotteries  
are a waste  
of money

## Supporting Detail



Less money to  
buy things

## Reasons + Supporting Details:

Lotteries are a waste of money. Every time we buy a lottery ticket, we have less money to buy things we need such as food or clothing

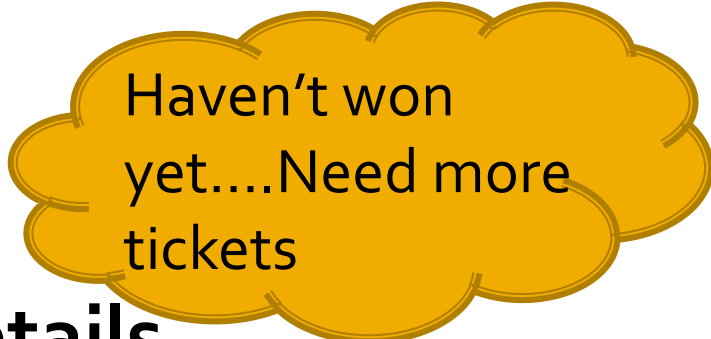
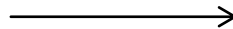
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- Reason #2:

## Supporting Detail



Lottery Addiction




Haven't won  
yet....Need more  
tickets

- Reasons + Supporting Details

Playing the lottery is severely addictive. When you buy a lottery ticket and don't win, we may want to buy more and more tickets

# Lotteries Should Be Banned

## ■ Reason #3



Not a good  
chance to  
make money



## Supporting Detail



Depends on luck

## ■ Reasons + Supporting Detail

Lotteries are not really a good chance to make money. We can't use our skills or abilities to win the lottery. The only thing we can depend on is luck

# Lotteries Should Be Banned

- **Firstly, in my opinion** Lotteries are a waste of money. Every time we buy a lottery ticket, we have less money to buy things we need such as food or clothing
- **In addition, I think** Playing the lottery is severely addictive. When you buy a lottery ticket and don't win, we may want to buy more and more tickets
- **Finally, in my point of view,** Lotteries are not really a good chance to make money. We can't use our skills or abilities to win the lottery. The only thing we can depend on is luck
- **To sum up, for these reasons I believe that banning the lottery is a good idea**